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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

SPORTS ♦ Volleyball team looks to stay undefeated in OVC: page 12

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## Consolidated Communications looking to expand

Company trying to get into cable market

BY SARAH RIVA  
STAFF WRITER

A new cable provider is possibly coming into the area. Consolidated Communications is known for its telephone services, but is now looking to expand into the cable market.

First, however, Consolidated's proposed cable franchise must be approved by the Charleston City Council.

The council placed the proposed ordinance on file for public inspection Tuesday and will address it at the next meeting, said Council Member Larry Rennels.

A similar ordinance was passed Tuesday night by the Mattoon City Council, according to Susan O'Brien, Mattoon city clerk. She said that all Consolidated Communications has to do is sign the bill to begin providing cable access to the Mattoon area.

Laura Zuhone, a Consolidated Communications spokeswoman said, "I couldn't think of a better time for Consolidated Communications technology to advance."

In Charleston, Consolidated Communications will use already established cable lines in the

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## Eastern celebrates Nontraditional Student Week

BY LINDSEY DUNTON  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Following a divorce after a 22-year marriage and raising a family, which took up the majority of her time, Kathryn Bjorn decided that it was finally her turn.

Bjorn, a junior pre-nursing major in her forties, is one of the many nontraditional students on Eastern's campus. According to Nancy Crome, graduate assistant in the School of Continuing Education, there is a total of 2,381 students over the age of 24 taking classes through Eastern, including the off-campus sites and classes on the Web, while 1,413 of those students are taking classes on campus.

"There is no one definition of a nontraditional student," Crome said. "The most common characteristics are over the age of 25, returning to school after an absence, being financially independent and maintaining employment, family and other responsibilities of adult life."

To honor nontraditional students, Nov. 7-14 is National Nontraditional Student Week. Eastern's School of Continuing Education will be hosting events all week to celebrate students.

"The cumulative factors (in going back to school) were the fact that there were no jobs after 9/11," Bjorn said. "I realized I had to do something fast, and all I had really ever wanted to do was to finish getting a degree in medicine."

Bjorn applied for nursing programs at two local colleges, but their programs were too competitive and there were no guarantees that she would get in. Finally, Bjorn decided to come to Eastern because of the affiliation with the Lakeview College of Nursing and the program's flexibility.

"It was flexible enough that I could start spring, summer or fall and finish in 18 months," Bjorn said. "I also

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University vehicles sit in the management planning parking lot. Eastern motor pool has 154 service vehicles which total \$178,964 in value.

## UNIVERSITY CAR-'POOL'ING

University motor pool provides Eastern with vehicles

BY JOHN PARENTE  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern provides and maintains many vehicles through the University Motor Pool to accommodate faculty and staff.

"These are vehicles used by faculty and staff for transportation," said Jeff Cooley, vice-president for business affairs. "They include numerous maintenance vehicles, university police vehicles and a fleet of vehicles used for official university travel, such as taking athletes to an athletic event."

According to the facilities and planning management Web site at [www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu), faculty and staff are required to have a valid driver's

license and must present the vehicle's intended use and number of passengers administering the official business to get permission to use a vehicle from the University Motor Pool.

"We have 30 vehicles in the fleet, which costs \$46,997," said Ron Mathenia of Central Stores Operation, which provides maintenance parts and building service supplies for Eastern.

Mathenia said each fleet vehicle costs about \$1,566 per year.

Cooley said vehicle costs depend on how



JEFF COOLEY

much the vehicles are used.

"Normally, costs include gasoline and routine maintenance such as oil changes," Cooley said. "We also replace the vehicles when they become uneconomical to operate."

Mathenia said some more common maintenance work includes oil and tire changes, front-end alignments and body work.

The motor pool has 154 service vehicles which total \$178,964, Mathenia said.

"Again this covers gas and all maintenance work, so each vehicle costs about \$1,162 for the year," he said.

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**TODAY**  
**55**  
36  
Sunny

**SATURDAY**  
**63**  
38  
Sunny

**SUNDAY**  
**60**  
38  
Partly cloudy

**MONDAY**  
**51**  
33  
Partly cloudy

**TUESDAY**  
**51**  
39  
Partly cloudy

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## AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

### ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Jaywalking a problem

Recently, police have warned many ISU students not to jaywalk.

"This is an educational program," said ISU police Captain Gherand. "It is not a crackdown or enforcement."

Gherand, who is a part of the program along with the rest of the ISU police force, added that no tickets have been given thus far, and the purpose of the program is purely educational.

"We're trying to raise the level of awareness," Gherand said, adding the safety of students is what is important.

Gherand, and the other ISU police officers, noticed increased jaywalking after construction began on Schroeder Hall.

"A lot of students began walking along College Avenue," said Gherand.

He added even the fences put up along the sidewalk did not deter students from crossing.

Officer Patrick Burke, who has been serving the ISU police since 1991, was one of the officers who participated in the educational program.

"We just wanted to make people aware that they need to obey traffic laws," said Burke, who stood on corners of streets and handed out flyers and talked to students he saw violating traffic laws.

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### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Latino graduation down

According to a 2004 study released by the Pew Hispanic Center, fewer than 25 percent of Latino students who enter college finish with a bachelor's degree.

The study stated that both Latino and Caucasian students enter post-secondary education at the same rate. Of high school graduates, 82 percent of both groups that continue their education enter either a four-year or a two-year institution. The study also concluded that more than 60 percent of Latino students who pursue post-secondary education begin at a two-year college.

Cesar Rodriguez, a Latino and senior in LAS, has excelled at the University. Rodriguez said through his personal initiative, he has overcome what the report considers obstacles for Latino students.

"I personally wanted to do something," Rodriguez said. "I won't make excuses - if anything I'll work harder."

He added that the values instilled in him by his parents along with his desire to succeed helped him get where he is. He does not blame anyone or anything for having to work hard.

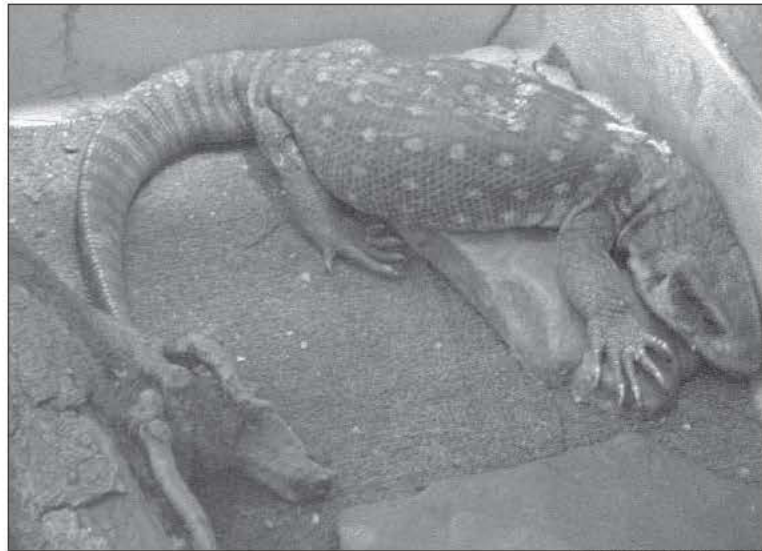
"(Don't) compete against anyone else, just compete against yourself," Rodriguez said.

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See any mistakes? Let us know.

## SUN BATHING



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Reggio, an adult male savannah monitor, sits around in his cage on the second floor of the life sciences building Thursday night relaxing the warmth of his heat lamp.

## WTF?

### No campaign, no problem

SPRINGDALE, Ark. (AP) - Want to get elected to the Springdale City Council? Announce your candidacy and then back out, saying you're too busy to campaign. It worked for Mike Overton, who won Tuesday's election after not spending a dime or giving a speech.

"I didn't have time to do any campaigning and spent no money on campaigning," the Springdale real estate salesman said.

Overton defeated Rex Bailey for the spot. Overton won with 53 percent of the vote to Bailey's 47 percent.

Bailey said he raised more than \$12,000 and went on campaigning because he afraid that would happen. He was a gracious loser.

"I ran as hard as I could," Bailey said. "He beat me. I congratulated him."

## PEOPLE

### Roker reports on surgery

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC's Al Roker reports on his health since his gastric bypass surgery, and the potential dangers and benefits involved in the procedure, in an hour-long special to air Friday night on "Dareline NBC."

Roker, the weatherman on the network's "Today" Show, underwent gastric bypass surgery two and one-half years ago.

"For anybody who thinks that this is a magic bullet - you do this and it's done. You're making a mistake. It's not," he says.

In the four-part report, "Weighing the Risks," Roker talks to teens, parents and a physician about some possible dangers, and whether teens have a tougher time dealing with emotional and physical changes that come with the surgery.

## COUNTING DOWN

**1,457**

Days until the next presidential election.

## WORD DU JOUR

**broach**  
1. to introduce or mention for the first time, as a subject.  
2. to pierce (a cork, etc.) to draw off liquid.

## ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers which election outcome will affect students the most.

**75%**  
(70 VOTES)

A) The presidential election between George Bush, John Kerry and third party candidates.

**8%**  
(7 VOTES)

B) The Illinois senatorial race between Republican Alan Keyes and Democrat Barack Obama.

**6%**  
(6 VOTES)

C) Illinois state House Republican Chapin Rose's uncontested race.

**11%**  
(10 VOTES)

D) None of the above.

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# Funniest man in trailer park comes to Eastern

BY LAURA GRIFFITH  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Clay Ratliff is coming to Eastern to give students a laugh at a different kind of comedy.



CLAY RATLIFF

University Board Comedy Coordinator Chris Stanfield described Ratliff's show, which will be at 9 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground, as "blue collar comedy."

Blue collar comedy recently hit cable stations like Comedy Central after the success of the Blue Collar Comedy

Tour Movie.

Ratliff said people might describe his comedy as blue collar, but he wouldn't call himself that just because he's from the South. He is friends with the Blue Collar

Comedy Tour's Ron White and Bill Engvall and has worked with them quite a bit, he said. However, the subjects they cover are different than what Ratliff jokes about.

"I talk about stuff that I know about; it just happens that I'm from Texas," Ratliff said.

Ratliff, who grew up in a small, predominantly white community, normally jokes about pot smoking, beer drinking, chasing women and living life in general. Some colleges make him censor his jokes, he said.

"Sometimes colleges don't like it when you talk about fun things," Ratliff said.

## Laugh it up

- ◆ **Who:** Clay Ratliff
- ◆ **What:** Comedy show "blue collar comedy"
- ◆ **When:** 9 p.m. Friday
- ◆ **Where:** 7th Street Underground

If that happens, he said he will probably joke about the school censoring him.

His show also deals with breaking down stereotypes. A lot of people will come to the show thinking he is an "ignorant redneck from Texas," he said. He hopes they will leave with a different opinion.

"He calls himself the funniest man in the trailer park," Stanfield said.

Ratliff was the winner of the Mid-America

Comedy Competition, Stanfield said. His other accomplishments include being a finalist in the Showtime Television Comedy Showcase and the NBC

**"Sometimes colleges don't like it when you talk about fun things."**

CLAY RATLIFF, COMEDIAN

Television Comedy Talent Awards.

He has performed with known comedians such as Bobcat Goldwaite, and his first CD, "Stories from the Road," was released in 2003.

"I spend about 40 to 45 weeks a year on the road touring," Ratliff said.

Although he said most of these shows are at casinos and comedy clubs, he does about 40 to 50 college shows a year.

"I love doing college shows," Ratliff said.

## SUCK IT UP!



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Reggie Galoy of Eastern's grounds crew directs the vacuum truck to back up so Galoy can clean up leaves outside Buzzard Hall Thursday morning.

# Relaxation and moderation key topics in workshop

BY MATT POI  
STAFF WRITER

Breathing techniques and muscle relaxation exercises were some of the ways to deal with stress presented in the "Time and Stress Management" workshop Thursday morning.

"Anything that stimulates or increases your level of alertness is stress," said Facilitator Pam SchSnake.

SchSnake has been the corporate challenge course facilitator of ELS

Unlimited, a company interested in outdoor team building programs, for 15 years. ELS Unlimited has programs at Allerton Park in Monticello, Rock Springs in Decatur and at Eagle Creek Resort at Lake Shelbyville.

The workshop began with a fun exercise intended to familiarize the participants with one another. People from all over campus including the University Police Department and Payroll were in attendance for the workshop.

**"Set goals for yourself and focus on things you can control and influence ...."**

PAM SCHSNAKE

The group named a long list of stressors that included not meeting deadlines, too much work to do and not enough help, which seemed to be a big concern

of many Eastern employees.

After a break, the group moved on to relaxation techniques that included breathing exercises and therapeutic muscle stimulation.

"Adults only use about 20 percent of their lung capacity," SchSnake said.

Relaxation and moderation were two key elements stressed in the workshop.

"The deep breathing technique improves your body's performance by getting rid of the toxins in your blood and organs," said Sandy Bowman,

training coordinator for the Human Resources Department.

SchSnake suggested physical activity as a way of dealing with stress.

"Set goals for yourself, and focus on the things you can control and influence rather than worrying about the things you can't," SchSnake said.

Bowman believes SchSnake's techniques to be very effective and encourages Eastern's faculty to "take the time to take care of ourselves, so we can take better care of the students."

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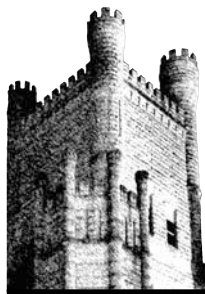
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### COLUMN

## Six years will be worth the wait



**JOAQUIN OCHOA**  
SENIOR JOURNALISM  
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**Ochoa is Managing Editor for The Daily Eastern News.**

"I'm the six-year college student," some may say as they snicker when describing me. "Are you ever going to graduate, Grandpa?"

Don't get me wrong, it's not mean ... in fact, I'd do the same exact thing if it were the other way around.

I know this column isn't related to the presidency, in fact it's bordering on sacrilege. But if it was, I would only end up sounding bitter-or indifferent.

Instead I'm writing from Nashville, Tenn., where I am spending the weekend with about 26,000 other student journalists and advisers from around the country for the National College Media Advisers Convention.

This is my first time at a convention of this size and magnitude, and I can already tell it's going to be a promising experience.

My first workshop involved literary journalism and how it can be done successfully, like the greats—Ernie Pyle, Grantland Rice, Ernest Hemingway and others. It also touched on using writing style that is normally used for fiction literature for non-fiction pieces.

Doesn't sound exciting? All right then, tell me about your major and you'll find out just how interested I am. Better yet, are you even interested

or passionate about your major at all? I hope you are because it is a great feeling.

I didn't have that kind of experience my first three years because I didn't have a passion for the majors I was fielding-art and later industrial technology. I took tons of humanities courses and excelled in them.

I love history and the social sciences, but neither of them gave me an idea of what I could do in the future. I couldn't see myself in those fields in any capacity other than a fascinated

student or reader.

Journalism allows me to partake in both as recorder of history, even if I'm not the one doing the writing.

I've had a number of friends who are already out of college—I too yearn to be out—but are struggling to find the ideal situation for themselves. This frightens me because I know just how bright they are and how persistent they are.

Maybe they're stuck with an unyielding job market. Everyone's situation is different and probably should not be generalized.

But in more than one occasion they were still unsure as to what they want to do "when they grow up."

I was in the state they describe now, the change of tone in their voice when the subject is broached. It's a state of desperation that I was in when I found myself two and half years into college without a major or plan in sight.

It's one of the worst feelings in the world—to see friends working toward their goals while I struggled to find passion for school and the classes that I was in while in my pseudo-majors.

If you lack that passion, maybe you should reconsider where you are at now, even if it takes you another year to graduate.

So yes, I am the six-year college student that's nowhere near a masters or a double major, but I've never felt clearer of what I've wanted to do than I do right here, right now—even in Nashville.

**"If you lack that passion, maybe you should reconsider where you are at now, even if it takes you another year to graduate."**

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAN RENICK



### EDITORIAL

## OVC title would mean a lot

This weekend is big for the Eastern volleyball team. It sits on top of the Ohio Valley Conference standings, one game ahead of Eastern Kentucky where the team travels this weekend for a chance to control the conference.

Two wins this weekend would wrap it up for the Panthers as they stand with a 12-0 record in the OVC with four games remaining.

Though Eastern would still be tied with Eastern Kentucky if it fails to win Saturday (assuming it stays undefeated with a win Friday at Morehead State), the Colonels would hold the head-to-head advantage.

It has been three years since Eastern has had any team play a postseason game at home with the football team losing to Northern Iowa 49-43 in the first round in 2001.

Not even the women's soccer team, which has been to the NCAA tournament three consecutive times, has hosted a conference tournament game in that time frame.

It's time for another. The school needs this. The teams

#### At issue

Eastern's volleyball team vying for the Ohio Valley Conference regular season title.

#### Our stance

Not only would it be the team's first title in six years, it would be great for the school and the community to host the OVC tournament, which begins Nov. 18.

need this. And maybe even the community needs this.

Volleyball matches aren't exactly the most attended events of the fall sports teams, but maybe, just maybe, students would go out to support a team that could go to the NCAA tournament even during Thanksgiving break.

A team that has played well all season and to possibly not host the conference tournament because of one loss would be heartbreaking.

And for the community, having six volleyball teams stay in Charleston for an entire weekend, boosting the Charleston economy can only be a positive thing.

With both basketball teams having poor preseason rankings, this may be Eastern's only chance for a long time to host important sporting events.

So instead of taking a return trip to Richmond, Ky., we hope the Panthers will be staying around Lantz Arena.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THANKS TO DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY

On behalf of all staff and students at Jefferson Elementary School, I would like to thank the following members of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Eastern for "adopting" us as their

school.

These young men have volunteered their time to tutor students, spend time at recess and provide assistance to teachers for individual students as necessary.

Thanks to Bobby Bruggerman, Pat Mahoney, Jeremy Langendorf, Skyler

King, Colin Stanton, Bryce Reisteeck, Dan McMahon, Dave Kellerhals and Matt Papenbrok.

**JIM LOUTHAN**

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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# Romantic musical to perform in Charleston

BY COURTNEY STANLEY  
STAFF WRITER

At their 25th anniversary cocktail party, an older couple pictures in a blooming young couple what their life once was, in the musical review, "Side by Side by Sondheim, Putting It Together."

Tim Mason, an economy professor at Eastern, narrates the trials of romance this musical portrays in the loose story line of the older, established couple.

The musical is whisked away in sultry music from the work of famous composer Stephen Sondheim.

The lives of the older couple, played by Charleston residents Therese Kincade and Terry Davis, reflect off the vibrant music displayed in the youthful couple starting out, played by sen-

**"It is a great opportunity for people to sample and feel music from several different song-time productions."**

BERNIE RYAN, PRODUCER AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY THEATRE

ior music major Matt Schubert and Charleston resident Martha Mills.

"At some points in the musical, it shows the older man hitting on the younger woman, which adds a lot of humor," Schubert said.

The musical also features music from Sondheim and several different song-time productions borrowed from eight to 10 past Sondheim shows, said Bernie Ryan, producer and board member of the Charleston Community Theatre.

"It is a wonderful musical that is emotional and funny all at the same time with an array of very beautiful music," Kincade said.

A few featured songs include "Unworthy of Your Love" and "Funny Things Happen," sung by Schubert. Kincade also sings several tunes including "Getting Married Today" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid."

"It is a great opportunity for people to sample and feel the music from several different song-time productions," Ryan said. "It really is a fun

show with lots of classic and rarely-heard Sondheim pieces."

The Charleston Community Theatre has not done a musical production for many years because there was not enough space for it.

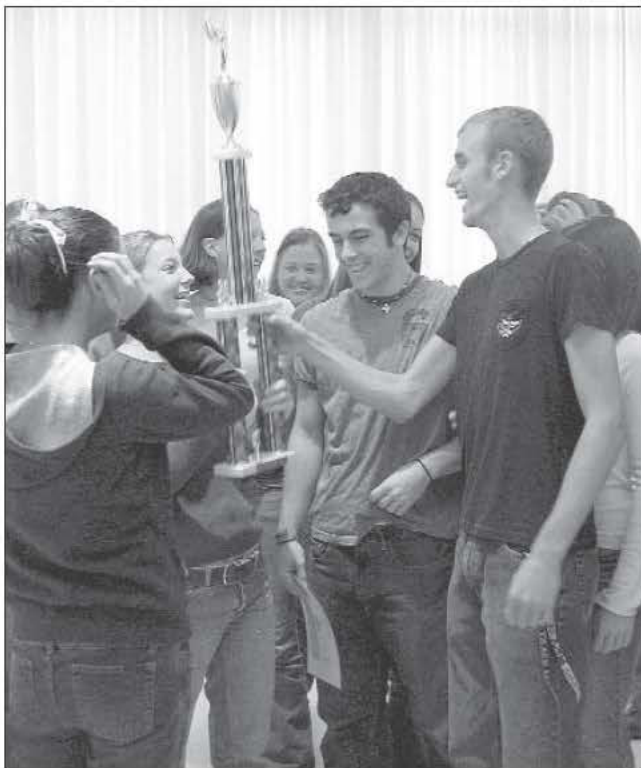
With the additions made to the Tarble Arts Center this year, a musical review of this measure was made possible, he said.

"It is very exciting to be able to use this performance space," Ryan said.

The "Side by Side by Sondheim, Putting It Together" musical review shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday with a Sunday matinee show at 3 p.m. The show will have a second running Nov. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m.

All shows will be at Eastern's Tarble Arts Center on Ninth Street.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for Eastern students.



## CONSTRUCTIVE MINDS



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Above: Ken Stefanski (right), a junior pre-engineering major, pulls on a rope to test how strong links of the paper chain are. The links were made by groups of high school students as part of the engineering competition. The students had 15 minutes to make their link out of a sheet of paper, two paperclips, three stickers and a rubber band.

Left: Students from Newton Community High School celebrate after winning the 1st place trophy for their team performance in an engineering competition that took place in the University Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union Thursday afternoon.

## National Nontraditional Student Week November 7 - 13, 2004

**Monday, Nov. 8** OASIS Information Day  
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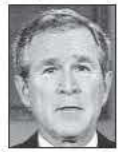


## 2004 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

# Bush promises he's sure to try on taxes, social security, others

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush has a long list of promises to keep, and even with an expanded Republican majority in Congress, it's unlikely he can have them all.



GEORGE W. BUSH

His platform is ambitious: Remake the tax code, overhaul Social Security, stabilize the mess in Iraq. None will be easy.

Bush acknowledged as much Thursday.

"I've been wisened to the ways of Washington," he said at a news conference.

Still, he confidently said he planned to spend the political capital he had won on Election Day: "I came here to get some things done."

In campaigning for a second term, Bush promised to make large tax cuts permanent, cap jury awards in medical malpractice cases and drill for oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

That's just at home. Abroad, he faces the difficult reality of Iraq, where he's declared that freedom is on the march even as a violent insurgency claims U.S. and Iraqi lives. He's looked ahead to elections in January as the next step toward democracy despite doubts that the balloting will come off peacefully.

His hand in Congress has been strengthened with more Republicans — now 55 of 100 — in the Senate, and a larger majority in the House. While House Democrats have had no power in recent years, those in the Senate have shown they can stand together to stop legislation, using Senate rules that require 60 votes to end debate. Republicans are still short of a filibuster-proof majority.

## Bush outlines second-term agenda

◆ **The second term:** President Bush on Thursday outlined a second-term agenda that includes major changes in Social Security, the tax code and medical malpractice awards.

◆ **Left unanswered:** Bush said he had not decided on his second-term Cabinet and refused to say whom he might nominate to the Supreme Court.

◆ **The pledge:** For the second day in a row, the president said he would work with Democrats and reach out to people who voted against him.

But Senate Democrats will have to decide how to use the limited power they have. Their liberal base will want them to fight a slew of GOP proposals, but doing so could risk alienating the majority of voters who re-elected Bush.

Republicans know that, said Norman Ornstein, an expert on Congress at the American Enterprise Institute. His expectation:

"I'm sure what they're going to do is say to the Democrats, 'Look, here's our idea of bipartisanship. We present the programs and you vote for them. And if you don't, we'll use the presidential bully pulpit and our megaphones and ... we'll portray you as the villains. You will suffer the fate of Tom Daschle.'" Daschle is the Democratic leader defeated this week in South Dakota.

On the other hand, moderate Republicans might break with Bush on some issues, includ-

ing some lawmakers concerned about the growing deficit who might balk at proposals that cost a lot of money.

Several of Bush's proposals are expensive.

One of his priorities is an overhaul of Social Security, headed toward insolvency as the baby boomers begin retiring and start taking money out of the system rather than paying into it. Bush wants to let younger workers put some of their Social Security taxes into private accounts that could invest in the stock market and perhaps earn more money for retirement. But diverting money to private accounts creates a huge hole since the same money is now needed to pay current benefits.

Filling the hole would cost as much as \$2 trillion, experts say.

As the same time, Bush has promised to make his tax cuts, set to expire in 2010, permanent — a \$1 trillion promise — and to cut the escalating federal deficit in half in five years. He also will need more money — how much, he hasn't said — for the war in Iraq.

"They're almost mutually exclusive," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group that advocates balanced budgets.

Bixby suspects Bush will succeed in making the tax cuts permanent, his hand strengthened by the increased congressional majority.

Overhauling Social Security will be more difficult.

Most proposals involve some benefit cuts, at least for future retirees, and members of Congress are wary of that. It would be risky for Republicans to push this without Democratic support, and Bixby said, "I can't honestly say the political climate is promising."

The president, too, acknowledged the hurdles Thursday: "If it were easy, it would have already

been done," he said.

Bush also wants to simplify the tax code, a task anything but simple. He hasn't said what changes he'll propose, though he briefly flirted with the idea of a national sales tax before pulling back. He envisions a commission to make recommendations.

Big changes won't be easy. Every tax break exists because some powerful interest fought for it. The last time the tax code was overhauled, in 1986, legislators went along partly because the bill lowered overall tax rates. Bush said Thursday he doesn't want his tax changes to cost anything.

On other proposals, Bush faces a mixed bag. They include:

—Cap jury awards in medical malpractice cases. Bush tried and failed to accomplish this in his first term, with the Democrats in the Senate united in blocking the way.

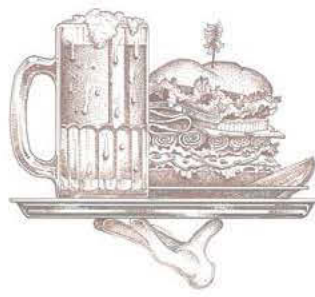
—Increase mandatory testing for high school students, building on his first-term No Child Left Behind law. There is still support for the underlying idea, but some Democrats will complain that it makes little sense to expand the law when what already exists is not, in their view, fully funded. Still, if Bush wants this, he's got a decent chance of getting it.

—Opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. Again, Bush failed in his first term, blocked in the Senate by Democrats and moderate Republicans. The question is whether that coalition can hold together.

—Social issues. While Bush did not specifically promise anything concerning abortion, gay rights and other issues important to social conservatives, these voters turned out big for him and they will expect a payoff. That could come with further efforts to restrict abortion, such as federal rules requiring parental consent.

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# New Mexico joins Illinois in flu shot import plan

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CHICAGO — New Mexico joined Illinois Thursday in its plan to ease the flu vaccine shortage by buying hundreds of thousands of shots from European wholesalers, though neither state has federal approval to go through with the purchase.

New Mexico wants to import 100,000 doses, while Illinois has a tentative deal to buy nearly 300,000 doses, officials said.

"This innovative partnership will allow us to give flu shots to the majority of our most vulnerable citizens, and I urge the FDA to move quickly to approve this supply of the vaccine," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said in a statement.

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich last month asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for permission to import a flu vaccine that is made by Aventis Pasteur, the primary supplier of the U.S. flu vaccine, but is manufactured for sale in Canada and Europe instead.

Blagojevich has said a review of the vaccine-maker's literature shows the vaccine, made in France, is identical to the flu vaccine used in the United States.

Federal officials, however, warn that it still might be made differently and that purchase through a wholesaler opens up other potential problems, such as with proper storage, that could leave the vaccine ineffective.

A U.S. shortage of the flu vaccine developed last month after British regulators closed a plant in Liverpool.

Illinois and New Mexico want to import vaccine for sick and elderly residents, particularly those in nursing homes.

FDA officials met with Illinois officials last week to discuss the proposal, but the FDA has yet to give its authorization.

An FDA spokesman did not immediately return a call for comment Thursday.

## STATE BUDGET TROUBLES CUT GRANTS FOR PARKS, MUSEUMS

BLOOMINGTON — Cash from off-track betting parlors helped Bloomington buy a multimillion-dollar zoo exhibit, a replica of a South American rain forest with exotic birds and other animals. Grayville has been using its cut of OTB winnings to keep up its small park and swimming pool.

For more than a decade, the state has shared nearly \$3 million of its take from OTBs with about a dozen Illinois park districts, along with some Chicago attractions.

But Gov. Rod Blagojevich and lawmakers quietly raided the fund last summer to help plug the state's \$2.3 billion budget gap, a move



that is now coming as a surprise to local officials who were expecting checks to show up as usual in December.

"They just keep taking away and taking away," Grayville Mayor Joe Bisch said last week when he found out the budget shuffle will cost his southwestern Illinois town of about 1,600 residents more than \$36,000.

The grants were created to sell gambling-wary communities on OTBs when the Legislature approved off-track betting in 1987, and they had been doled out annually in cities with OTB parlors.

But with state revenues sagging, this year's grants became another tough sacrifice to protect other state spending on priorities such as education and health care, said Becky Carroll, spokeswoman for the governor's budget office. "In order to meet those priorities, you have to make tough choices," she said.

The money in the OTB fund was shifted to the state's general fund through a 585-page budget bill approved this summer by lawmakers. But the shift was overlooked by many as the bill was rushed to a vote at the end of a record 54-day overtime session, said state Rep. Dan Brady, R-Bloomington.

## UNDER-THE-RADAR CANDIDATE WINS STATE HOUSE SEAT IN CICERO

CICERO — Michelle Chavez didn't plaster Cicero with campaign signs. She didn't hand out leaflets, pick up the phone to ask state political leaders for help, pester local reporters to include her in their campaign stories or even respond to a newspaper's pre-election candidate questionnaire.

But she was on the ballot as a Democrat, and apparently that was enough for the voters to elect her as a state representative over the Republican incumbent, Sen. Frank Aguilar.

"I can't think of an instance when someone ran such a low-scale candidacy and won," said Cindi Canary, director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform. "It's kind of like a virgin birth in the General Assembly."

So low-scale was the campaign that Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan, the chairman of the state's Democratic Party, said he doesn't know of anyone in the party that Chavez has talked to.

Brown said everything about her, from her positions on issues to her telephone number, is a mystery to party officials.

Cicero has always been a little different, from the days when Al Capone ran his bootlegging empire from the Chicago suburb to the racketeering conviction last year that sent former town President Betty Loren-Maltese to federal prison.

The latest question is whether Chavez's campaign was a ploy by local Republicans that backfired.

That's state Sen. Martin Sandoval's theory. The Cicero Democrat has no doubt Chavez was a "shill candidate" put on the ballot by Aguilar's supporters to prevent legitimate candidates from getting on the ballot and make it appear Aguilar had some kind of opposition in his run for re-election.

## MAAG LOSES SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE COURT SEATS

SPRINGFIELD — Election Day was doubly unkind to Democrat Gordon Maag.

Maag lost a nasty race for the state Supreme Court to Republican Lloyd Karmeier, and he also lost his bid to keep his seat on the 5th District Appellate Court in southern Illinois.

Maag had sought both seats and hoped voters would retain him on the appellate court if he lost to Karmeier. Maag, of Glen Carbon, was first appointed to the appellate court in 1992 and was elected to it in 1994.

He got about 55 percent approval to stay on that court, less than the 60 percent required for retention, according to unofficial results tallied in the sprawling, 37-county district.

The state Constitution requires Supreme Court and appellate court justices to run for retention every 10 years.

Supreme Court spokesman Joe Tybor said Thursday he believes this is the first time an appellate court justice has lost a retention bid in the 40 years retention has been required. The Supreme Court will pick Maag's replacement, Tybor said.

Maag spokesman Brendan Hostetler said Thursday he had no comment.

Karmeier and Maag battled in one of the most vicious judicial races in Illinois history, raising a record-shattering \$8.5 million and hammering each other with negative television ads.

## INDIANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROBBERY FOUR ILLINOIS BANKS

URBANA — An Indiana man faces a minimum of 32 years in prison after admitting to a federal judge that he took part in the robberies

of four east-central Illinois banks last fall.

William L. Whitefield of Lafayette, Ind., is to be sentenced Feb. 8 for the robberies of banks in Camargo, Kempton, Royal and Ashmore, all located within a two-hour drive of Lafayette. He pleaded guilty this week to four counts of armed bank robbery and two counts of using a firearm during a crime of violence.

Whitefield, 24, was arrested early last December, one day after the arrest of his alleged accomplice, Michael Hembree, also of Lafayette. Hembree, 35, was arrested after a bank was robbed in Livingston, Tenn., and admitted to committing the Illinois robberies with Whitefield, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Cox said.

Whitefield told U.S. District Judge Michael McCuskey that Hembree planned the robberies and sprayed bank employees with pepper spray in three of the holdups. He told the judge he joined Hembree in the robberies to pay his bills.

"I was afraid I was going to lose my house," he said.

McCuskey told Whitefield the firearm charges carry mandatory consecutive minimum sentences of 7 years for the first conviction and 25 years for the second conviction, on top of any sentence for armed robbery.

## LUDLOW POLICE CHIEF PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIMINAL CHARGE

PAXTON — An east-central Illinois police chief has agreed to leave his job as punishment for mishandling a DUI ticket when he was a Ford County sheriff's deputy.

Ludlow Police Chief Rodney Webb won't be allowed to work in law enforcement in Ford or adjoining counties for two years as part of his agreement to plead guilty to three misdemeanor counts of attempted official misconduct, authorities said. Ludlow is in neighboring Champaign County.

Prosecutors dropped more serious felony charges of official misconduct and tampering with public records in exchange for Webb's guilty plea.

Webb also must pay \$9,708 in fines and court costs.

He was accused of removing traffic citations from the circuit clerk's office and taking a police report with the intention of preventing prosecution of a Melvin man who was arrested last October for driving under the influence of alcohol. No charges were filed against the man.

The State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor office, which handled the case, could not say Thursday whether Webb knew the Melvin man.

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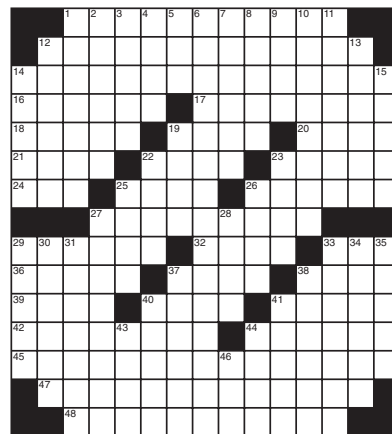
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- ACROSS**
- Flightless birds that can run up to 40 m.p.h.
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  - Attractive bar
  - Unmatched feat
  - More delicate
  - Handy
  - Flimflammy
  - Toss more than a few back
  - It settles indoors
  - Not straight
  - Beer from Japan
  - Tail, maybe
  - Right hand
  - "It \_\_\_ add up!"
  - Ancient Balkan Peninsula dwellers
  - Bull or bear, e.g.
  - \_\_\_ function
  - One of the Ewings on "Dallas"
  - Sinai sermonizers
  - "\_\_\_ next?"
  - Plastic handle?
  - "The Farm" or "Still Life With Old Shoe"
  - French city largely destroyed during the Normandy campaign

- DOWN**
- Gibson's "Lethal Weapon" role
  - Unhelpful friends of alcoholics
  - Because of this, in legalese
  - Party bosses?
  - Helped out in a crisis
  - Brightly-colored marine polyps
  - Like calliope music
  - Maximally
  - Expression of disbelief
  - Dispatch
  - Bucket conveyor's load
  - Abandoned ship, possibly
  - 7-letter character from Shakespeare
  - One of Mars' twin sons
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- Admission discount recipients, often
- Strengthen
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- 19th-century women's rights advocate Elizabeth \_\_\_ Stanton
- Self-control
- "King \_\_\_ Lives" (munchallyhood 1986 film flop)
- Sad statement
- Place for a throne
- Going nowhere
- Geritol ingredient
- Dumb performers
- Key with no sharps or flats
- Salsa instruments
- City nesters
- Odin's home
- They're rigged
- Jug head?
- Good point
- \_\_\_ Cruz, known as "the queen of salsa"
- Fact-finding mission
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"I feel that Charleston needs another company. It is good competition," Council Member Marge Knoop said.

During a public hearing before the Tuesday council meeting, the council suggested a 12-year franchise, which Consolidated agreed to, due to expire Nov. 16, 2016, if the ordinance is passed. Doug Abolt, senior manager for Consolidated, said the franchise is comparable to others in the area.

Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill said the reason there must be an ordinance passed for Consolidated Communications to enter the cable TV market is that the only current cable TV provider, Mediacom, has a non-exclusive deal with Charleston. This means that if another company wants to offer cable TV to the area, it must make it available to the same area as Mediacom, in this case the entire city, Coughill said.

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have the option to stretch it out to a more part-time schedule to allow me to work or require more time to study should I need to."

The School of Continuing Education will have a table set up outside of the University Union food court from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with different adult education organizations. Monday's guest will be adult student support group OASIS, the Organization for Adult Students Informal and Supportive. Tuesday's guest will be Alpha Sigma Lambda, an adult student honor society. Thursday will conclude with the School of Continuing Education. From 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, the School of Continuing Education will host an open house.

"During the open house we will present two awards for excellent service to nontraditional students," said Peggy Hickox, secretary to the dean. "The awards will be given to faculty member Britto Nathan and the ITS Help Desk."

Some nontraditional students may worry about being older than most of their classmates, but Bjorn has a different perspective.

"It's never too late and I'm getting by, by enjoying the adventure of my journey and different goals in life than I had earlier," she said. "I am really enjoying being around the exuberance of all the young students on campus and very knowledgeable and helpful professors."

**Elizabeth Edwards diagnosed with cancer**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week. Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as not to miss campaign time.

The Edwards family went straight to Massachusetts General Hospital from Boston's Faneuil Hall after Kerry and Edwards conceded on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edwards had a needle biopsy performed at the hospital, where Dr. Barbara Smith confirmed the cancer, Ginsberg said.

He said the cancer was diagnosed as invasive ductal cancer. That is the most common type of breast cancer, and can spread from the milk ducts to other parts of the breast or beyond.

More tests were being done to determine how far the cancer has advanced and how to treat it, he said.

Ginsberg said spirits are high at the Edwards household. "Everybody feels good about it, that this is beatable," he said.

Edwards, who leaves his North Carolina Senate seat in January, said in a statement, "Elizabeth is as strong a person as I've ever known. Together, our family will beat this."

**MORE THAN 700 ARRESTED IN FEAR OF TERROR PLOT**

WASHINGTON — More than 700 people were arrested on immigration violations and thousands more subjected to FBI interviews in an intense government effort

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to avert a terrorist attack aimed at disrupting the election.

As with past unrealized al-Qaida threats, law enforcement officials said Thursday they don't know for sure whether any of those arrests or interviews foiled an attack.

"It's very hard to prove a negative," Michael Garcia, chief of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said in an interview Thursday. "We did cases and operations for people we thought posed national security concerns. We didn't arrest anyone who had a bomb."

**DECLINE IN FOREIGN STUDENTS RAISES ALARM**

A new survey indicates the number of foreign graduate students enrolling for the first time at American universities is down 6 percent this year — the third straight decline after a decade of growth. Educators worry the trend is eroding America's position as the world's leader in higher education.

The fall wasn't as steep as feared, considering applications last spring were down 32 percent. American universities staved off a comparable decline in enrollment by admitting a higher percentage of students and persuading more admitted students to enroll.

But the results of the survey, of 122 member institutions by the Council of Graduate Schools, are still alarming to educators. American universities are highly dependent on foreign students for teaching and research help, particularly in the sciences and in engineering, a field in which foreigners comprise 50 percent of graduate enrollment.

"If you took them out of the system, we would not be at the same point we are in

many of our endeavors — scientific endeavors and also economic growth," said Heath Brown, the council's director of research and policy analysis. And students who return home also advance American interests by bringing to leadership positions a better understanding of the United States, he said.

More than two-thirds of schools reported some decline. The steepest drops were in business (12 percent), sciences/agriculture (10 percent) and engineering (8 percent), though physical sciences rose 6 percent.

**NATIONAL GUARD FIGHTER JET SHOOT'S JERSEY SCHOOL**

LITTLE EGG HARBOR, N.J. — A National Guard F-16 fighter jet on a nighttime training mission strafed an elementary school with 25 rounds of ammunition, authorities said Thursday. No one was injured.

The military is investigating the incident that damaged Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School shortly after 11 p.m.

Police were called when a custodian who was the only person in the school at the time heard what sounded like someone running across the roof.

Police Chief Mark Siano said officers noticed punctures in the roof. Ceiling tiles had fallen into classrooms, and there were scratch marks in the asphalt outside.

The pilot of the single-seat jet was supposed to fire at a target on the ground three and half miles away from school, said Col. Brian Webster, commander of the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard. He does not know what happened that led to the school getting shot up.

The plane was 7,000 feet in the air when the shots were fired. The gun, an M61-A1 Vulcan cannon, is located in the plane's left wing. It fires 2-inch-long bullets that are made of lead and do not explode, said Webster.

**VEHICLES:**

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JoAnne Thill of Central Stores Operation, said two garage mechanics perform all necessary maintenance for the university vehicles.

"It is more economical to take it to them and have it done in a few days," she said.

To reserve a vehicle, faculty and staff

must make a general request and submit it to Central Stores, Thill said.

Vehicle request forms can be obtained from central stores and must be signed by the budgetary agent of the account to be charged for its use, she said.

General requests should include the day, time and reason for the vehicle use, Thill said.

The Web site said vehicles are not avail-

able to student groups, but there are exceptions with written approval from the vice president for student affairs, or designee.

Passengers in the university vehicles are limited to people relating to university business and official guests of the university, as determined by Jeff Cooley, the site said.

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## FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Coaches face off

Two coaches at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference will meet this Saturday in Cookeville, Tenn.

By JOHN HOENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

When the Panthers travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to play Tennessee Tech this weekend it will mark the ninth time the two head coaches, Bob Spoo and Mike Hennigan, will meet, making it the longest Ohio Valley Conference coaching rivalry.

In their previous eight meetings, the Panthers are 7-1 against the Golden Eagles.

This is Spoo's 18th season as head coach of the Panthers and Hennigan's ninth season as the Golden Eagle's head coach.

Playing each other eight previous times, it would be easy to think the two coaches know what type of game the other is going to try to play, but it's not that easy.

"Hennigan's known to have some special plays," Spoo said. "Most teams do. We just have to anticipate and hope our players can react."

In the past it would have been a big help going into the game knowing the opposing coach's tendencies. Now that's the case every week, so

just because this is the OVC's longest coaching rivalry, it doesn't necessarily translate to any extra advantages for either coach.

"We trade game films every week now," Spoo said. "We have all of their game films, and they have all of ours."

Regardless of what the coaches say, the coaching rivalry should shine through to make this weekend's contest an exciting one.

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BOB SPOO, HEAD COACH

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo is in his 18th year at Eastern. Spoo has won seven of his last eight games against Tennessee Tech



## STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Jacksonville State	4-1	6-1
Murray State	4-2	5-4
Eastern Illinois	3-2	4-4
Eastern Kentucky	3-2	3-5
Samford	3-3	4-5
Tennessee Tech	2-2	5-3
Southeast Missouri	2-3	2-6
Tennessee State	1-3	3-5
Tennessee Martin	1-5	2-7

## OVC STATS

PASSING YARDS PER GAME	GP	YDS/G
NELSON, Ray SAM	9	271.9
GOODENOUGH, A SEMO	8	269.2
CRAFT, Robert TTU	8	220.9
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WAHLBERG, Brady UTM	8	192.0

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GP	YDS/G
ANTHONY, Charles TSU	8 153.6
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## THE EDGE



Eastern Illinois  
(4-3, 3-2)



Tennessee Tech  
(5-3, 2-2)

## OFFENSE

Eastern WR Ryan Voss is questionable for Saturday's game (bruised sternum). Panther RB Vincent Webb is averaging 122 rushing yards per game and RB Ademola Adeniji has two straight 80 plus yard games. Tennessee Tech's Trey Bonner and Derek White average 76 and 66 yards per game, respectively.

EDGE: TSU

## DEFENSE

Tennessee Tech and Eastern are No. 1 and 2 in the OVC in total defense, respectively. Eastern allowed just 22 yards on the ground last week and 214 total yards. The Panthers and Golden Eagles each have 11 interceptions this season as a team.

EDGE: EASTERN

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Eastern K Steve Kuehn leads the OVC in field goal percentage (.667). On punt return Eastern will use WR Charles Owens, DB George Love and WR Jermaine Mobley, who had an 80 yard return last week. Tennessee Tech K Josh Foster is 9/13 on field goals this year and averages 6 points per game.

EDGE: TSU

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VOLLEYBALL

# Top OVC teams meet

## Eastern Kentucky ranked No. 2 in Ohio Valley Conference behind first place Panthers

By JOSHUA TORREZ  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend will be the big hurdle which Eastern will have to clear in order to obtain an Ohio Valley Conference title, not because they will be facing former OVC Champions Morehead State who is currently 8-16 overall and 7-5 in conference, but because on Saturday Eastern will be facing its biggest threat in the OVC, Eastern Kentucky which has a 21-4 overall record and is 11-1 in conference.

"Morehead State is an up and down team," said Brenda Winkeler, Eastern's head volleyball coach. "They are very inconsistent, and they lost some very important players."

Those key players were two outside hitters Cherelle Lampkinis and Charmain Craig and middle blocker Jenn Fox. Together the three women produced 846 of the 1,819 total kills, 989 digs out of 2,236 and an average hitting percentage of .202. Lampkins alone made 471 kills and 547 digs; Fox held the highest hitting percentage in the team at .270; and Craig also added 202 kills and 311 digs.

Senior Jennifer Kennedy was expected to be Morehead's go-to-girl for the 2004 season. Kennedy is closing in on

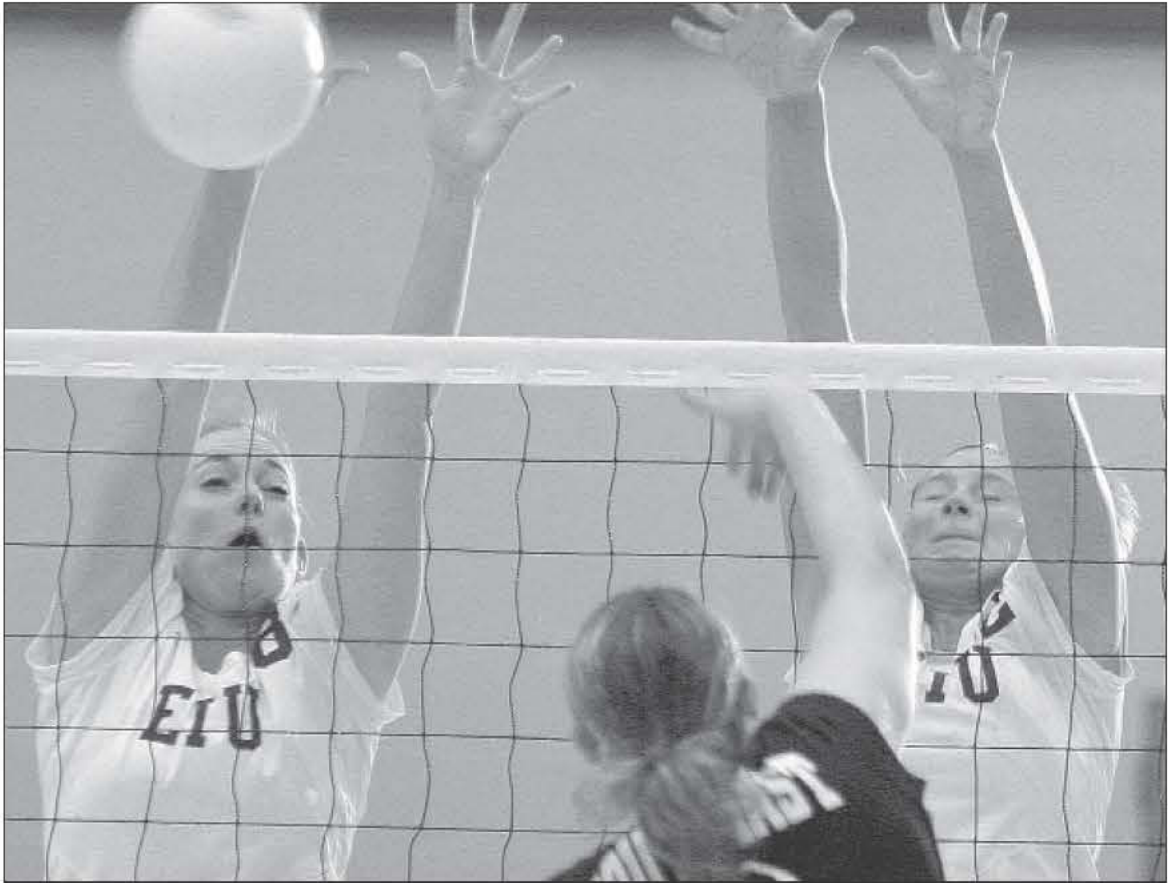
her 1,000 career kill and has also been able to provide solid performances for the Eagles by producing 17 double-doubles. After leading the team in blocks last season and finishing third in kills, sophomore Diana Zipp has put up 244 kills and 160 digs.

"For the first time in three years we are competing for first place in the OVC," Winkeler said.

Last year, Eastern was the team struggling for a spot in the NCAA Tournament but has switched positions with Morehead who is now in the running with Eastern Kentucky for dibs on the title.

Eastern Kentucky's top players are sophomore outside hitter Jessica Sabath who has previously earned defensive OVC player of the week; junior middle blocker Liz Gaurd who has 327 kills and 98 blocks; senior outside hitter Lesley Aldridge who leads the team with 435 kills and 347 digs; and freshman Brittany Nobilio who leads the team in digs with 454. The last OVC seasonal title and OVC tournament title that Eastern Kentucky won was in 1991. It is sitting on four regular season titles and eight OVC Tournament titles.

"We are going to stick to the same game plan," Winkeler said. "We're



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Senior middle hitter Shanna Ruxer (8) and junior outside hitter Jessica Ackerman (10) block a kill against Southeast Missouri State's sophomore middle hitter Jessica Wilfong Wednesday evening in Lantz Arena. Eastern hosts Tennessee State at 7 p.m.

going to take it one game at a time."

Eastern will be looking to senior outside hitter Erica Gerth, leading the Panthers with 436 kills and 402 digs and second in blocks with 45.

"One thing I tease Erica about is that she's a good blocker," Winkeler said. "Her blocking has been a pleasant surprise. She should break the dig record over the weekend."

Junior middle hitter Megan Kennedy has 38 kills and a .316 hitting percentage.

"I think she's one of the best middles in the conference," Winkeler said.

Senior middle hitter Shanna Ruxer is third in kills with 249 and a .366 hitting percentage.

"Shanna's consistently been there for our team," Winkeler said. "She's been a good leader on the court for us. She's leading in blocks and has one of the top hitting percentages in the OVC. She is also No. 1 in Eastern history in hitting percentage."

Sophomore Mary Welch has produced 212 kills and 200 digs. According to Winkeler, junior Heather Redenbo has been playing with an injured hand but has been toughing it out for the team for the last half of the season.

"It has taken a lot of mental preparation for Heather to maintain her stability," Winkeler said. "I try to get her to relax and have fun. She's really hard

on herself. She's the person we look to all the time for ball control. She and Erica have played almost three years together, so they're a strong force."

Before heading into the OVC Tournament, Eastern will close its season with two conference matches at home against Tennessee-Martin who is 4-25 overall and 1-12 in conference and Murray State who stands one level higher with a 5-15 overall record and 2-11 in conference.

"It's great for our seniors to finish at home," Winkeler said. "Gerth and Ruxer are some of the first athletes I recruited, and it will be hard to let them go and to find the best player to fill their positions."

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yards per game) and Tennessee Tech is fourth in the conference (155). The Tigers are third in the conference in passing yards per game with 232 yards. Eastern is fourth with 209. Each of the teams are averaging 386 yards per game.

"This is about an even game and it's going to come down to who makes the least mistakes," Eastern Defensive Coordinator Roc Bellantoni said.

With the ground games on each side of the ball matched up so evenly, Hennigan believes this game could come down to who can supplement their run game with a passing attack.

"They have a little size advantage at quarterback," Spoo said. "And we're a little dinged up at receiver."

Tennessee Tech's 6-foot-4 quarterback, Robert Craft, has thrown for 1767 yards this season, averaging out to 212 yards per game, and Eastern's senior quarterback Matt Schabert has thrown for 1366 or about 210 yards per game.

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"We have a lot of depth this year, but there will be a lot of competition in all the events," Muchna said.

Success for the Eastern swim team will be due to the hours of time and effort that it puts into its training. The time that's spent in the weight room and in the pool plays a key role, Muchna said.

"We practice every afternoon

Monday through Friday," Muchna said. "In the morning, the distance usually swims on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also lift weights Monday, Wednesday and Saturday for two hour's.

The swimmer's are not the only ones who put in a lot of time training. The divers of Eastern's swim team are also on a strict training schedule as well, according to junior diver David Kennedy.

"Usually we do upper body one day and lower next," Kennedy said.

"We also do conditioning as well.

"Conditioning consists of stomach workouts, and we usually practice kick outs for certain dives on dry land."

For divers, an added element of difficulty is learning to twist and flip their bodies while being completely aware of where they are in the air. The secret behind learning this is no secret at all, Kennedy said.

"Some of us took gymnastics," Kennedy said. "Other than that its just practice."

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## PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

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	Volleyball at Morehead State	6 p.m.
SATURDAY	SWIMMING INVITATIONAL	8 a.m.
	Volleyball at Eastern Kentucky	1 p.m.
	Football at Tennessee Tech	2 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs. Winona State (Exhibition)	7:05 p.m.

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**FROM LEFT FIELD**  
**DAN WOIKE**  
STAFF WRITER

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What does the Ohio Valley Conference and O'Reilly Auto Parts have in common?

No, this isn't the start of a joke, but a legit question I asked myself after I read the OVC and the OAP decided to team up in a business venture.

On Oct. 19, the OVC announced that whenever a conference title was on the line, the auto parts provider would be there. Teams won't ever vie for the OVC Championship again. Now, they're playing for the O'Reilly OVC Championship.

Corporate sponsorships are incredibly common in sports. They can be seen as part of stadium names (U.S. Cellular Field, the United Center and Bank One Ballpark), bowl games (Insight.com Bowl, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and Nokia Sugar Bowl) and championships (Nextel Cup, 99 percent of all golf tournaments and even the World Series of Poker's Toyota Points Leader board.)

Major League Baseball announced a plan for a "Spiderman 2" weekend, including decorated on-deck circles and bases. The backdash from the plan forced baseball to change its plans drastically.

But most corporate tie-ins are totally acceptable. So logically, the OVC wanted a piece of the corporate dollar pie. And who am I to blame them? Maybe I should start soliciting businesses to sponsor events in my daily life.

I might score a few bucks if I started saying things like, "This hangover I have has been brought to you by Stix," or "My sub-par test performance is sponsored by the good people from PlayStation."

Here are a few other things I plan on trying to sell: The next time I try to flirt with a girl out on the town, I'll be sure to mention my advances are sponsored by Trojan and Jose Cuervo.

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No matter how much of my life I sell off, I'd still be less of an advertiser where than NASCAR, who is the dollar-sluttiest of all.

So instead of wasting my time complaining about how college sports should be held to higher standards because of the participation of "amateurs," I'll just embrace it.

## FOOTBALL



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Sophomore tailback Ademola Adeniji runs the ball in the fourth quarter against Tennessee State University Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Adeniji ran for 80 yards in Eastern's 34-24.

# Hunting the OVC title

BY DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern goes on the road this week to face Tennessee Tech on its homecoming as they each hope to stay in the hunt for the Ohio Valley Conference title.

The Panthers (4-4, 3-2) are 1-3 on the road this season, 0-2 in the OVC, while the Golden Eagles (5-3, 2-2) are a perfect 4-0 at home this season and are hoping to rebound from a 20-17 loss to Samford.

"Any time a team can win on the road it's important," Tennessee Tech Head Coach Matt Hennigan said. "But no matter where you play it's still the same 60-minute game."

Both teams are in a must-win situation for their three remaining games as they hope to catch Jacksonville State (6-1, 4-1) for the OVC championship. And the Panthers need to reverse their road luck if they want their share of the conference crown.

"Our back is against the wall right

now," Eastern Head Coach Bob Spoo said. "We have two of our last three games on the road, so we can't let down."

This week's match up will feature the top two defenses in the league. Tennessee Tech is allowing just 307 yards per game to lead the OVC with Eastern right behind them allowing 322 yards. The Panthers gave up just 22 rushing yards last week to Tennessee State and are second in the conference with 103 yards allowed per game, but Tennessee Tech trails right

behind them with 115 rushing yards allowed per game. One advantage Tennessee Tech has on defense is points allowed per game, 22, while Eastern is giving up 30 points per game.

"If you look at the OVC stats we are pretty similar teams," Hennigan said.

The similarities continue when looking at the offenses. Eastern is third in rushing in the OVC (177

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## SWIMMING

# Panthers, like a fish in water

DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, Eastern's men and women's swim teams will prove that 'cats' are not afraid of water as they prepare to host the 14th annual Panther Invitational at Lantz Natatorium.

The Panther Invitational will host Valparaiso University, Butler University, Indiana University/Purdue University of Indianapolis and Lincoln College, giving a total of five

schools including Eastern. Each school will have both a men's and women's team competing in 20 events. Overall, there will be 170 athletes competing at the Panther Invitational.

Many would wonder why the Eastern swim team is having a larger meet this early in the season instead of starting off with small duals. Head Coach Ray Padovan said that it is all in preparation for the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

"What we're trying to accomplish is

to assimilate what our conference is like," said Padovan.

What makes this goal harder is the fact that unlike the OVC championship, the Panther Invitational will do what the OVC does with the amount of time it takes to hold a dual meet.

"We are trying to do this in a day and a half," Padovan said. "A normal dual meet is 13 events. This meet will contain 20."

When asked about the outlook of the meet, Padovan spoke confidently

about both the men's and women's teams.

"I think the men are fairly solid," Padovan said. "We have a mature team. Most of the men are seniors. On the women's side, I think it will be fairly close between us and Valparaiso."

Senior distance freestyler Frank Muchna's opinion on the competition is in sync with that of his coaches.

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